

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)**

**Associated Occupation: Security Guards (33-9032)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 47

Focus Occupation: Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)

Associated Occupation: Security Guards (33-9032)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Public Safety and Security	6.9	8.7	8.9	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

Focus Occupation: Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)

Associated Occupation: Security Guards (33-9032)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	4.7	3.4	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	11.2	12.8	> Current ability level is likely sufficient
Far Vision	7.8	10.5	8.5	< Some improvement in abilities may be required

Oral Comprehension	12.5	10.3	13.7	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Oral Expression	12.4	10.3	13.7	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Selective Attention	8.7	9.9	10.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 78

**Focus Occupation: Private Detectives and Investigators (33-9021)**  
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Communicate details in protective services settings	71
Enforce laws, ordinances, or regulations	66
Investigate complaints, disturbances, or violations	75
Make decisions	24
Oversee work progress to verify safety or conformance to standards	49
Patrol or guard area or premises	76
Prepare reports	8
Use firearms	82
Use oral or written communication techniques	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 74

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Cameras	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Firearms	35
Surveillance and detection equipment	11

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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